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SUBJ: MOSCOW-LENINGRAD COURIER SERVICE

FRANKFURT FOR FRDCO

REF: MOSCOW 3879, FRANKFURT 2302

1. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY TO MOSCOW 3879 COMMENTED ON BY
FRANKFURT 2302.

2. UTILIZATION PRESENT MOSCOW-LENINGRAD-HELSINKI AND RETURN
NON-PROFESSIONAL COURIERS FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF CLASSIFIED
MATERIAL IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. MOSCOW-LENINGRAD AND LENINGRAD-MOSCOW PORTIONS OF THE
MOSCOW-HELSINKI NON-PRO COURIER TRIP ARE OVERNIGHT. IT IS
UNREASONABLE TO EXPECT COURIERS NOT TO SLEEP AFTER
HAVING WORKED ALL DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW OR ON THEIR
RETURN FROM HELSINKI. THEREFORE, POUCHES WOULD BE SUSCEPTIBLE
TO UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS AND SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE COMPROMISE.
ADDITIONALLY, THIS IS THE ONLY DIRECT TRAIN BETWEEN MOSCOW
AND HELSINKI.

B. RESCHEDULING OF THE HELSINKI NON-PRO COURIER SCHEDULE
FOR DAYTIME TRAVEL BETWEEN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD WOULD NECESSITATE
AN OVERNIGHT STOP IN LENINGRAD EACH WAY. THIS WOULD CREATE A
MASSIVE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN FOR CONSULATE STAFF THERE BECAUSE
COURIERS TRAVEL WITH ONE TO TWO TONS OF POUCHES EACH WAY EACH
WEEK, ALL OF WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE OFF-LOADED AND STORED

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OVERNIGHT LENINGRAD, THEN RE-LOADED AGAIN EARLY NEXT MORNING

FOR ONWARD JOURNEY EITHER DIRECTION.
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